

WISP NEWS

A weekly newsletter for agency administrators and users of Wisconsin ServicePoint (WISP)
<http://commerce.wi.gov/housing/cd-boh-wisp-home.html>
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ALL AGENCIES NEED TO COMPLETE THIS BOH SURVEY OF AGENCY PROGRAMS IN WISP

In preparation for the implementation of the HUD HMIS Data Standards, the Bureau of Housing is gathering some preliminary information about the programs that your agency tracks in Wisconsin ServicePoint. Please fill out the attached form and include all of the programs that you track in Wisconsin ServicePoint. E-mail it back to Tanya Wagner at the Bureau of Housing at twagner@commerce.state.wi.us no later than October 22, 2004. If you have any questions concerning this survey, please send them to Tanya at the address above. The information gathered from this survey will later be used in setting up WISP status reports and in the WISP participation score that is expected to be a part of the next ESG/ THP application. These two actions are intended to help your agency and the Bureau monitor its compliance with the new HUD HMIS Data Standards.

IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW DATA STANDARDS POSTPONED. BOH staff attending the recently held National HMIS Conference learned that the deadline for compliance with the new data standards is being postponed until January 1, 2004 and even later for DV's. Bowman Systems and BOH will be working for the next three months on changing WISP so that everyone will be in compliance with the new standards. We will keep you posted on progress in **WISP NEWS**.

OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER WISP TRAINING SEATS STILL OPEN – For anyone who needs WISP training, there are still a number of class openings for new users October 12 and November 17 and for new agency administrators October 13 and November 18. These classes are available for both new users to WISP and to present users of WISP who need a refresher class. All training is being held in Madison at the Department of Commerce Building, 201 West Washington Avenue on the second floor. Information about the classes being held, directions to the Commerce Building, and hotel information are on the WISP web page at: <http://commerce.wi.gov/housing/cd-boh-WISP-training.html> Questions about training should be sent to sphelp@commerce.state.wi.us

SSSG GRANT APPLICATION TIME NEAR– State Shelter Subsidy Grant (SSSG) applications will soon be available on the Bureau of Housing web site at: <http://commerce.wi.gov/housing/cd-boh-State-Shelter-Subsidy-Grant-Program-SSSG.html> SSSG grants support homeless and emergency shelter program operations. Eligible applicants are a county or municipal governing body or agency, for-profit entities, an Indian tribal government, a community action agency, or other private non-profit organization. Only generic emergency facilities and voucher programs are eligible. Further information regarding the State Shelter Subsidy Program may be obtained on the BOH web page and/or Patti Glassburn at (608) 266-8273.

CORRECTION: The web site for information about the National HMIS Conference was listed incorrectly in the 09/16/04 issue of WISP NEWS. The correct site is: <http://www.hmis.info>

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